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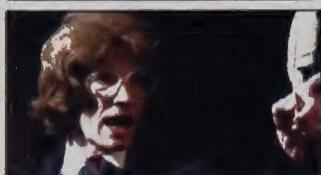
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Rejected ballots get their day in court

by STEVE GALEA
Special to The Times

Two candidates from Minden Hills will be among the first in the province to challenge rejected ballots in the November 13 municipal election.

Lisa Schell and Ingram Wessell have hired a lawyer along with Basil Cox, a candidate from Highlands East. Eight people from the City of Kawartha Lakes have also hired a lawyer to join them in a parallel case.

Schell says the tentative date

for trial is December 12 at the Superior Court of Justice in Lindsay. There, her lawyer, Jason Ward, of Ward and Ward in Lindsay, will argue to allow the examination and possible inclusion of 937 rejected ballots in the recent Minden Hills municipal

election.

A similar argument will be made for spoiled ballots in Highlands East and the city of Kawartha Lakes.

Schell says, "Our lawyer is asking that the judge open all ballots

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Algonquin Highlands alone in getting tornado windfall

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Unless you are in Algonquin Highlands, it looks like property taxpayers will be footing the bill for the August 2 tornado clean up.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has granted Algonquin Highlands \$90,000 to deal with the large number of fallen trees. But except for a small \$9,500 grant to Dysart, that's the only money that will be forthcoming from the province.

County council learned last week that its application to have Haliburton County declared as a disaster area in the wake of the storm has been denied.

The designation would have been accompanied by provincial funding to help pay for all the extra work needed on roads after the storm.

"The Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program is designed to provide disaster assistance in situations where damage to private property or municipal infrastructure is so extensive that the cost of recovery would exceed the financial resources of the community," writes Elizabeth McLaren, assistance deputy minister in a

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Santa in training

Dressed appropriately for the occasion, one-year-old Collin Thorpe of Minden takes in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade. Following the parade, the real Santa stopped by the Minden fire hall to pose for a few snapshots with local children. For more photos please see pages 14 and 15.

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Above: Tim Nicholson played Thelma, who was playing Scrooge in the Farndale production, making him a man playing a woman playing a man. Hmmm...

Right: Mercedes, played by Karen Frybort, asks Felicity (Maureen Johnson) to call her chiropractor after Felicity has just jumped on her back. Mercedes was in a shopping cart accident shortly before the play was set to open.



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Irondale roll-over claims young man's life

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

A 20-year-old man from Bomanville was killed when the car he was driving rolled over several times on County Road 503 west of Irondale on Monday night.

One passenger in the car was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto with serious injuries while three other young passengers were treated and released from local hospitals.

Margaret Swanton was working at her computer at her home on Dexter Road, not far from the 503 around 9:45 p.m.

"I heard banged bang on the porch door and there was this poor boy, yelling 'Please, please,'" she says. "I'll never forget the look of his frightened eyes."

The boy, 20-year-old Calvin Piels of Fenelon Falls, told the Swantons that he had been in an accident and that his

friends were bleeding badly. Mrs. Swanton called 911 and then grabbed a flashlight and blankets.

When she got to the accident scene, the badly damaged car was upright in the middle of the road. The driver, 20-year-old Andrew Bond of Bowmanville, was sitting motionless in his seat and 15-year-old Hayley Cook was lying on the roadway, her hair matted with blood.

Two other friends from the car, 20-year-old James Harris of Bowmanville and 17-year-old Jessica Lantlop of Newcastle, were out of the car. They were in obvious distress but not badly injured.

Swanton doubts that Hayley would have been able to remove herself from the car and believes the friends extracted her for fear of the car catching on fire.

"We knew the driver was dead as soon as we got there," she says.

Also on the scene was Casey Saunders,

a passerby who works at Bark Lake. Swanton said that Saunders had determined that the driver had no pulse and was concentrating on keeping Hayley, "a really pretty girl," conscious until the ambulance arrived.

By this time the rain had turned to wet snow. "It was an awful night," says Swanton, adding that although it seemed like forever for the ambulance to arrive, it was likely there only 20 to 25 minutes after the call to 911.

Swanton says that she was told the five friends were driving back home after visiting one of Calvin's friends in the Gooderham area. He had lost his wallet a few days earlier and was borrowing money from the friend.

It was foggy and wet. Swanton says it looks like Andrew lost control and went towards the ditch and then got the car, a 1993 Cavalier, back on the road. Police

say it then rolled several times.

The Highlands East Fire Department was first called to the scene but as the firefighters from the Gooderham station crossed over the boundary into Minden Hills, they called in the Minden Hills Fire Department. The Gooderham firefighters secured the scene until the Minden firefighters arrived.

Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell says 21 men from his department responded although most did not have to stay at the scene. Firefighters closed the road to through traffic from the east at Milburn Road and from the west at the Kinmount bridge but there were very few cars on the road that night. Schell and a handful of his firefighters did not return to the base until almost seven in the morning.

The OPP has called in its technical traffic collision investigators.



Casey Lessard/TIMES



Don Edwards and Graham Bowker (left) will join Shirley Hamilton (above) on stage for the Messiah Choir's An Off-beat Christmas under the direction of Melissa Stephens. There will be two shows at the Northern Lights Arts Pavilion, December 2 at 7:30p.m. and December 3 at 3p.m.

Minden Hills did have other options: Reid

by STEVE GALEA
Special to The Times

Ward 2 winner Barbara Reid says that Minden Hills should have sought legal advice to deal with the issue of rejected ballots prior to the election.

Reid says several other townships, including Grey Highlands, dealt with the issue of spoiled ballots differently, prior to the election, because they consulted their legal advisors. She adds, "It's interesting to note that Grey Highlands uses the same law firm as Minden Hills."

Debbie Robertson, the clerk of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, says, "Initially, I didn't want to deal with rejected ballots. There is already a perception that mail-in ballots aren't secret and I felt this wouldn't help ease that. But then we sought a legal opinion and decided it was best to do so."

Robertson says municipal policies and procedures had to be amended to deal with examining the rejected ballots.

A retired OPP officer was enlisted to examine the ballots.

Robertson explains the procedure: the officer slit the side of the envelope to ascertain if there was a declaration, which was clearly different from the ballot. If so,

the declaration was removed (without disturbing or exposing the ballot) to ensure if was filled out correctly. Once that was confirmed, the ballot was cast.

"At no time was the confidentiality of the ballot compromised," she says. "I was concerned that this might be an issue at first, but I feel confident that the process we used respected that confidentiality."

Interestingly, of 742 spoiled ballots that were examined, only 151 were redeemed. Most were missing declarations.

Reid says, "Several other municipalities, including Ramara, Blue Mountain, and Collingwood, used similar processes. The point that is critical to me is that Minden Hills had a choice. If they had just picked up the phone they would have realized that there were options."

"I don't consider it fair that voters in Blue Mountain, for instance, were given this level of consideration, and our voters weren't. Our township had the responsibility to do the legwork. It was close-minded not to find out what our options were and it's a real shame that Ingram Wessell and Lisa Schell are having to pay money to hire a lawyer to get a court order to do what other townships did as a

matter of course."

Minden Hills returning officer Cheryl McCarroll, however, stands by the township's decision.

"When it became apparent that [improperly mailed ballots] was a trend, we called the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and they advised us that we could not get into trouble if we followed the Election Act and did not open those ballots."

Later, when she heard that some municipalities were getting legal opinions, McCarroll says she called Municipal Affairs again and was given the same advice.

She adds that it is true that while several municipalities chose to open rejected ballots, others did not. "We are not alone in this decision. Highlands East and the City of Kawartha Lakes are two municipalities that I know of who felt that this course was also prudent."

McCarroll believes that Minden Hills followed the principles of the Elections Act. "Confidentiality is critical. Some

people would have been very upset if we opened ballots."

Moreover, she says that voters were given ample opportunity to vote correctly. "We placed ads in newspapers, radio, and there were even some on television explaining how to fill out mail-in ballots correctly. We also invited people to contact us if they suspected that they had voted incorrectly, so we could confirm if they had or had not, and allow them to do it again if necessary."

She notes that approximately 100 people were assisted in this way.

"This is the third time mail-in ballots have been used in Minden Hills. The instructions were very clear and we offered on-line assistance as well as help in the office."

In the end, McCarroll says she is comfortable with the efforts of the municipality and her decision. "If a court orders us to open them, we will. Until then, I still think a ballot is supposed to be secret and opening them would have risked that."

Minden Hills council deals with criticism over election by holding recount. See story page 5

Beech Lake cottager wants storm victims to band together

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Right now a contractor is working on rebuilding Betty Jeffrey's cottage on Beech Lake. Three trees had crashed on its roof in the August 2 tornado, a fourth one crushing a corner of the 60-year-old building. The storm's ferocious winds didn't only topple the trees; they also helped push the entire building askew on its cement blocks.

But the bureaucratic journey to get to this point has not been easy for the lifelong cottager. She has been beset by problems with her insurance company and believes she is not alone.

Jeffrey is urging other people who have had difficulties rebuilding their Highlands lives after the storm to contact her.

"We need names of people who are having trouble or are not satisfied [with their insurance company's response] so we can band together and perhaps hire an ombudsman," she says from her home in Guelph. "If there are people out there as dissatisfied as we are then we should get together."

Jeffrey is feeling the strain of spending the past three months trying to get her cottage repaired. She's had to drive between home and cottage countless times and has spent even more time on the phone. The status of her insurance claim seems to change by the hour; at one point she was told that there wasn't even a tornado and the damage to her cottage was done before the storm.

"It's putting people through unnecessary stress," she says.

People who want more information are asked to contact her at 519-836-4699 or e-mail userrh7924@aol.com.



Algonquin Highlands suffered the most widespread damage during the August 2 tornadoes. It cost the municipality \$180,000 to clean up downed trees. The province, however, has now agreed to kick in \$90,000.

Most municipalities receive no storm funding

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letter to warden Murray Fearrey. "After careful consideration of the affected area and the types of infrastructure damaged by the August 2nd windstorm, the Minister has determined that it would not be appropriate to declare the County of Haliburton a disaster area."

Minden Hills, Highlands East and Dysart received similar letters.

Although there was much property damage caused by falling trees, and municipalities and home and cottage owners had to spend thousands of dollars picking up after the storm, the financial burden is not great enough for them to qualify for ODRAP funding.

Municipalities could also apply for Special Assistance Grants. The biggest windfall goes to Algonquin Highlands which also had the biggest clean-up costs.

CAO Lorne Mitchell says the storm cost the municipality \$180,000. Of that, \$60,000 was spent on renting machinery to chip the resulting brush and \$30,000 was spent on renting heavy machinery to remove trees from road shorelines. The other costs were primarily staff overtime.

Mitchell isn't sure why Algonquin Highlands was so fortunate but he's not going to ask, either. "I'm just going to smile from ear to ear."

While disappointed in the ministry's decision not to declare Haliburton County a disaster area, county warden Murray Fearrey says it's hard to fight the funding formula. There were no buildings destroyed or lives lost in the storm and the funding is there to help communities which have suffered much greater losses.

Municipalities will now have to decide whether to forego other projects to recoup

some of the costs of cleaning up after the storm or pass the costs onto taxpayers.

His municipality of Dysart et al incurred \$109,000 in costs after the storm. Under the one-time Special Assistance Grant, Dysart will receive \$9,500.

Minden Hills also received no funding assistance. Storm clean-up cost the municipality \$53,000 and the money will probably come from this year's budget, says CAO Gerry Morrison.

"In the last few years we've always ended up with a surplus. This year our surplus just won't be as big as it was in other years," says Morrison. "I don't see \$53,000 as being a hardship."

"We did not get any money, period," says Highlands East CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig. However, since the municipality's extra costs were only \$13,000 she was not expecting to qualify.



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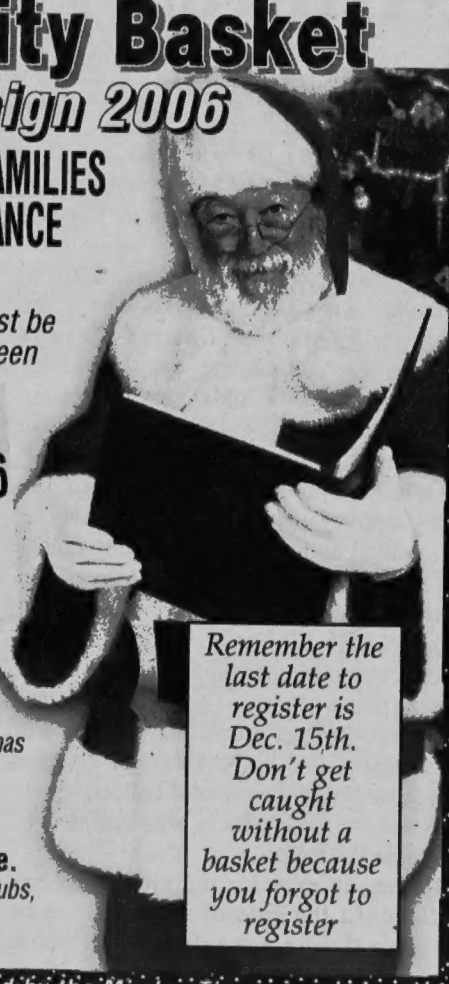
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Recount to put end to election rumours

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

The November 13 municipal election may have come and gone but two seats at the Minden Hills council table are still up for grabs.

Last Tuesday Reeve Jim McMahon called a special meeting of council in order to address public allegations of ballot tampering on election night. At the conclusion of that meeting, council voted in favour of holding recounts in two of the municipality's hotly contested wards next Monday, in hopes of putting to rest the concerns of both candidates and members of the public alike.

Ward 1 incumbent Clayton Cameron and Ward 2 incumbent Ingram Wessell - both of whom ran for re-election - were forced to declare a pecuniary interest due to their direct involvement in the matter. All other councillors voted unanimously in favour of holding the recounts.

The process will focus solely on four candidates in Wards 1 and 2, being Wessell and Cameron, as well as their challengers Barbara Reid and Lisa Schell. Reid ousted Wessell in Ward 2 by a narrow margin of six votes, while Cameron defeated Schell in Ward 1 by 11 votes.

McMahon said that the municipality has been inundated with phone calls from the public, the majority of whom are not confident that the election was held fairly. Likewise, McMahon said that municipal clerk and returning officer Cheryl McCarroll was subject to "verbal abuse" by two defeated candidates, to the point that he "wasn't sure whether we were going to lose her."

In an interview after the meeting, McMahon told the Times that he's unsure exactly what candidates are alleging happened on election night, or what proof they have to support claims of misconduct.

"Who knows, it's anyone's guess. But I'll tell you, talk is cheap," said McMahon. "The one candidate that was making the most rumblings, to my knowledge, didn't have any scrutineers [at the community centre where the counting took place on election night], so who's giving him this information, I don't know."

"I think that some people just don't want to give up. And I'm not saying that they are poor losers but they just don't want to accept the reality," he added.

Though CAO Gerry Morrison said no formal complaints had been filed in writing, several of the councillors at

Tuesday's meeting acknowledged that the rumour mill has been running rampant across the municipality, and public perception seems to be that there was some form of wrong-doing at the community centre on election night.

"I want to have this recount in both Ward 1 and Ward 2 to show individuals that nothing was done that wasn't kosher," McMahon told his council. "Let's clear the air and show them. Let's prove that it was done right."

Councillor-at-large Peter Oyler echoed McMahon's sentiments, and confirmed that he also received a number of telephone calls over the past several days. After expressing his full support for holding a recount in Wards 1 and 2, he also made it known that he has complete faith in the municipal staff who handled the election, and said he doesn't question the validity of the results.

"I want to be very clear that I don't think there was any wrong-doing by any of our staff," he said. "I just think it's the fair thing to do, though I don't suspect the results will differ in either Ward 1 or Ward 2."

Oyler also stressed another point that McMahon raised earlier in the meeting, that being that the official recount will not

include any rejected or spoiled ballots, of which there were literally hundreds.

"This municipality does not have the right to direct the clerk to open the ballots that were spoiled," he said. "That all falls under Elections Canada."

Under the Municipal Act, council had only 30 days from the election date to call for an official recount, and with a resolution passed in support of the initiative, a timeframe of 15 days was given in which to carry out the procedure. Since the inaugural meeting for the newly elected council is set for December 7, council needed to act swiftly, in order to ensure that all councillors are declared and ready for their first day on the job.

Recounts for both wards are scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. sharp on Monday, December 4. The municipality will have five polling stations and 10 ballot counters handling Ward 1, and three stations with six ballot counters overseeing Ward 2.

Though it's hard to predict exactly how long the process may take, McMahon suggested that the final results should be tallied by mid-afternoon, so be sure to check our website - www.mindentimes.ca - for the official results and final outcome.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

When elections get messy

A FEW WEEKS AGO, this space was used to argue that the sanctity of the ballot must be respected if our democratic principles are to have any merit. How could local municipalities check to see if people had mistakenly put their declaration forms in the secrecy envelope with their ballots without exposing who had voted for whom?

Well, apparently other municipalities found a way to safeguard the secrecy of the vote while also honouring the principle of making sure that every vote counted. By various means they opened the ballots that did not contain the declaration form in the outer envelope. If a signed declaration was found they counted the vote. (Surprisingly, there were still only 20 per cent of the rejected ballots which were redeemed in Grey Highlands. It's a much lower proportion than probably most people expected. Eighty per cent of the rejected ballots were therefore rejected again because the declaration form wasn't included. DataFix obviously needs to fix the confusion caused by its ballot kit format or we all need a lesson in how to follow instructions.)

As the Ministry of Municipal Affairs repeatedly stressed to municipal staff and reporters who called, what to do about the rejected ballots was up to the discretion of each municipality's returning officer. There was no right or wrong, there were just varying comfort zones. In the two affected local municipalities, Minden Hills and Highlands East, opening the rejected ballots was not in their comfort zone. In Highlands East, their lawyer recommended that the votes remained sealed.

It would have been impossible to poll voters to find out what their comfort zone included. Instead, the two municipalities did their best to let voters know there was a problem and that there was an opportunity to fill in a new voter kit. (This latter option was not in other municipalities' comfort zone.)

Now three county candidates are asking a judge to decide. Having lost by narrow margins, they'd like the rejected ballots counted as a way of getting a second chance of winning a seat on council. It is their right to do so and many of the people who voted would say they are right to do so.

Barbara Reid, in our story on page 3, is also very right to question how Minden Hills responded to the controversy. As she proved in her earlier fight against a gravel pit operation near Gull Lake, she is a person who really digs into an issue before she makes up her mind. If she retains her seat (the man she defeated, Ingram Wessell, is one of the people asking for the rejected ballots to be counted) then her tenacity will be appreciated by many ratepayers. However, just because she found other municipalities which did things differently doesn't mean that Minden Hills did things wrong.

We all have our judgment questioned. There are, for instance, many readers who disagree with the *Times*' policy not to print the names of people who are charged – and not yet convicted – with a crime. Is there a right and wrong answer to this question? No. It's all a matter of who has to take ultimate responsibility for the decision. Since Minden Hills staff have a responsibility to uphold their bylaws, and were given the right to make their own decision, they also had the right to make the decision they did.

Thank goodness there are judges when it all gets a bit messy.

Martha Perkins

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Speeding towards oblivion

To the Editor:

This is Tuesday, Nov. 12 and I am so angry I could spit nails. I live on the Bobcaygeon Road which, incidentally, has a posted speed limit of 50km per hour. While driving into town today I got as far as the fairgrounds when a dark grey, newer compact car passed me, (on a solid centre line), at a great rate of speed the time was 3:25 p.m.. So great a rate of speed in fact, that by the time I got to the driveway where the busses pull out of the school, this same dark grey car was passing the Deep Bay Road!!

Why are such drivers getting away with this disregard of the rules of the road? They are a menace to people, pets and wildlife, of which the Bobcaygeon Rd has an abun-

dance. I am not surprised that a child was hit crossing the road recently. I am very surprised that there haven't been many more times.

This is not the only time I've been passed by speeders on this road. Because I've always maintained the speed limit I have been given the finger, blasted by horns, (while they passed me), and on one occasion a newer white truck came very close to pushing me off the road. Something must be done NOW. No surveys, no long discussions, no foot dragging! Step up to the plate and stop this moronic disregard of the law now, before someone is killed.

Or is that what they are waiting for first?

Barbara Whitty
Bobcaygeon Rd

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

That's one big baby

THIS MORNING I was waiting in the express checkout lineup of the grocery store when I happened to spy a newspaper headline that said, "Brad and Angelina: Big baby news!"

I just shook my head and said a quiet prayer.

Look, I'm all for those crazy kids having a baby. And, yes, I know they're rich and they can afford to have any kind of baby they want. I just wonder why it has to be a big baby. Why not a small, or mid-sized one? I sure hope Angelina has thought this one through.

I never had time to read the actual story but I'm guessing it wouldn't even make the newspaper if they were just considering a mere eight-pounder. No, before it makes headlines in that paper, it has generally got to be in the 120 to 200 pound range, or have a tail and bat wings. The former, for those of you who don't have a lot of experience around them, is a very big baby.

On the bright side, at least Brad and Angelina can afford custom-made dia-

pers and industrial-sized change table. But even so, between you and me, I wouldn't want to be the one who changes the diapers.

More than that, I worry about Angelina. Sure she can kick serious butt - she made that clear in Tomb Raider - but this is completely different. A baby that size could kill you with an accidental head butt. All I know is that giant babies are not only unnatural, but also very hard on a mother who decides to breast-feed, as Angelina surely will.

Despite all these factors, it should come as no surprise that this larger than life couple is having a larger than life baby. We all expected that.

But, between you and me, I worry that this might develop into another of those weird celebrity trends. Let's face it, as

celebrities go, Pitt and Jolie are on the cutting edge. Admittedly, it is a very dull knife, but you get the point.

I can see it now. Next thing you know Tom Cruise and Kate Cruise-Holmes will try to steal the limelight by having an even bigger baby. This will open the floodgates, so to speak, and before we know it Hollywood will be inhabited by the huge mutant offspring of celebrities. Needless to say,

I don't worry about this so much. But when these mega-kids finally become adult actors and proceed to have even bigger babies of their own, that's when the trouble starts.

This presents the startling possibility of a new race of actors who are, quite literally, giants of the stage and screen.

You know what this means? It means I'll be finally forced to buy a big screen television, that's what. And, perhaps

even more important, let's not forget that, eventually, all actors become President of the United States.

Yes, this innocent act of love between Brad and Angelina will one day lead to our southern neighbour having a giant in the Whitehouse. Trust me, this will not be a good thing as it will make the North Korean regime feel even more insecure. This, in turn, will provoke them to manufacture even higher platform shoes and don really high brush cuts.

From there on in, it might just get ridiculous

Now, maybe I'm a touch off-base about this whole thing. Maybe, the celebrity giant mutant babies will decide to avoid politics altogether. Perhaps they'll just be content to be typecast into Jack in the Beanstalk giant roles or be forced to don monkey suits for countless remakes of King Kong. Who can say for certain?

Not me. Heck, the last thing I want to do is speculate.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

A shift in seasons

When The Brown Dog Jiggs can find nothing better to do, he lies flat on his side on the kitchen linoleum, pretending to be a dogskin rug.

If you stoop to pet him, he will scramble/lurch into a kind of a crouch, rousing himself in alarm because he has been fast asleep, even though his eyes were wide open.

So that is why I speak his name as I approach him where he lies stretched out on a mattress of dead leaves in the late September sunshine at Sapsucker Ridge.

At the sound of his name, he stretches a long, luxurious stretch that says no creature can relax so perfectly as a dog. Then he asks, why did the September sunshine take until the last full week of November to get here.

What was it waiting for?

The easy label for last week's spell of perfect days is Indian Summer but in fact our reprieve from this dreariest of autumns felt more like a false spring.

Winter had its claws dug so deeply into the Haliburton landscape that a long stretch of warm days was barely enough to make it go away.

On Sapsucker Ridge, we judge the season's progress by ice, not snow. Flurries can be a passing fancy in May

or September, but November's ice has the feel of an irresistible force pulling us inexorably into winter.

The ice over a late October puddle may be no more than a film that disappears beneath an investigatory toe tap but there will be a morning after that when the toe will poke a hole that is the hub of a wheel spoked with cracks of shattered ice.

One day the ice will seem to bend before it breaks and another day will come when it does not break at all, puddles stay frozen all day long and ice lays its first coat over the ponds on Sapsucker Ridge.

That is the stage we had already passed last week when nature decided to turn the clock back two months. It had been cold so long that when it warmed up, Haliburton went around in shirt-sleeves in weather that would have brought out a parka in September. It seemed like the first warm days of April.

Winter's retreat was reluctant and grudging. Ice crystals clung to wood-

land ruts for days. Lingering snow salted the shadows. The road past Sapsucker Ridge was as spongy as in spring.

November cold sunk frost into the roadbed for days and then the sunny days lifted it back out again and left a surface gooey enough to show the tracks of pickup trucks and turkeys.

Fine weather invigorates The Brown Dog. He soundsalarums at everything, at the very presence of a young raccoon trying to set up shop just down the slope that slides south from the cabin.

The coon is smart enough to climb a tree when it hears barking, but not clever enough to move to a dog-free neighbourhood. It hangs like a towel against a tree trunk, dangling by its front feet from opposing branches, almost perfectly still, only a twitch of its striped tail giving it away.

Some other new creature takes up residence by the creek that cuts the north-west corner of Sapsucker Ridge. Jiggs goes down once or twice a day and

gives it a thorough barking at, then comes prancing back looked inordinately pleased with himself.

Near the back of Greg's hundred acres next door, The Brown Dog rousts a flock of turkeys. They rise into treetops and perch there, look down on him with disdain for a moment, then sift south through the canopy.

The pulse of late autumn beats pitter-pat with the rush to winter's deadline. Freeze-up moves around from year to year, but always arrives too soon for all of the things still left to be done.

On Sapsucker Ridge, there is a last-minute construction project to be finished, a chimney to be swept, the last propane delivery until May, damaged eaves troughs to be pulled down.

Late autumn has the feel of the old Haliburton of John Hulbig, Gareth Kellett and Ray Miller, a time when life moved with the seasons. There is an atavistic pull back to the land, a season of gathering, of wood-cutting and deer-hunting and just tramping through the woods.

The spell broke with Monday's rain. There still are roofs to be shingled and gravel to be hauled but nature has no patience with human plans. Winter arrives in earnest this weekend.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Twinkling lights and decorations appreciated

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who came out on Sunday, November 12 to decorate downtown Minden. The lights and decorations look wonderful. It took approximately 20 volunteers four hours of their time to decorate the town. I would also like to thank Shawn Chamberlin at the Dominion Hotel for

providing hot chocolate refreshment to the volunteers when they were finished; we appreciate his support as well. Thanks to Kevin Hill for the annual Village Green Christmas tree, to the Lions Club, and Ivan Ingram for arranging installation of light displays.

Each year after the town is decorated, we have caught some of the youth in our community, from ages 10 and up, destroying seasonal displays that our

volunteers create. The ratepayers of our community should be aware that the cost of vandalism just this year in Minden Hills topped over \$25,000. This comes out of the pockets of our ratepayers.

It is frustrating for the sponsors, volunteers, council members and staff, and the citizens of our community who enjoy these seasonal displays. If the vandalism does not stop, the sponsors

will stop sponsoring, the volunteers will stop coming out, the displays will not be created and the spirit in our community will diminish as a result of it.

Please be community minded, enjoy our sponsors and volunteers' efforts. If you see vandalism, report it. It costs us all.

Reeve Jim McMahon
Minden Hills

Rural at-risk women have a new safe space

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

The YWCA is reaching out to women who feel trapped in abusive relationships by opening the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS) in Minden.

The new facility is described as a unique approach to providing a secure atmosphere for at-risk women. Operating only on a user-need basis, the SafeSpace is tailored towards rural communities where low-staffing costs and financial stability are essential to operation.

"Because of population density we just don't have the funding available to have it staffed 24 hours a day, so this makes it possible for us to still operate within Haliburton County," says YWCA Women's Centre supervisor Marina Hodson. "It's different from a shelter model, which is why we don't call it a shelter. It only opens when a woman actually accesses the service so when she makes the call, that is when staffing is implemented."

Although the women's centre has been at its new location since last September, only last month did they open the doors for their new SafeSpace facility (located in the same building). It allows the YWCA to house one woman or family who is in abusive situation at a time.

Prior to the SafeSpace's grand opening last month, Haliburton County was the only county in all of Ontario that didn't have such a facility. At one point there was a similar facility in the county, called the Women's Emergency House, but that facility closed its doors in 1998, and since that time an urgent need has gone unaddressed, says Hodson.

"When the Women's Emergency House was open we had an average of 17 women or families go through the centre in a year," she says. "So one can only assume that the need has probably increased with the population."

Hodson says there are a variety of factors that could lead to a woman accessing the new service, but generally speaking the woman or family in need is always the victim of an abusive relationship.

"It could be any number of things but it has to be related to some form of abuse," she says. "Probably the most common would be abuse by a partner, but it doesn't have to be. Since women only have to be 16 and up, it could be abuse by a parent, or could be abuse of an elder, where one of their children are abusing them."

Initially, women are invited to stay at the facility for up to three weeks, and in that time YWCA staff aim to smooth out as much disruption to their day-to-day lives as possible.

"We try to negate all the little things that might prevent them from being able to leave," says Hodson. "A lot of times women don't have the financial resources to just pack up and get a place, so this gives them an opportunity to start somewhere."

The facility offers clients access to a counseling (through the Women's Safety network), and can also make arrangements for interim daycare and transportation. From there staff will begin to look at more long-



From left to right: Marina Hodson, Diana Leary, and Daisy Downs, make up the staff at the Haliburton County YWCA Women's Resources Centre in Minden, as well as the new Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS), a safety net for women looking for refuge from abusive relationships.

term support, such as finding employment and long-term housing, which can often be an obstacle for small families in Haliburton County.

Hodson says that by offering a safety net within the community, women who may not have sought help beforehand will now have the reassurance that their lives don't necessarily have to be turned upside down in order for them to escape abuse.

"I think a woman may be even less likely to leave [an abusive situation] if she knows that she has to leave the county. If she has a job here and her kids go to school here, she might stay in an abusive relationship because she doesn't want to have to uproot everything and go to Peterborough or Lindsay," she says.

The centre also has strict security measures in place and has a close working relationship with the OPP, so that they are aware of any potential risks and can help to keep clients feeling secure and at ease.

The HERS program receives financial support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which is an agency of the Ministry of Culture. But Hodson also notes that a whole slew of community members have also come forward in support of the initiative.

"It's not just the YWCA - there are a lot of people

involved in the community, both financially and otherwise. We've had a lot of volunteers and a lot of financial support from community members such as the faith community and service clubs...there were a lot of people who actually worked together to make this a reality," she says.

And although the SafeSpace has only been operating for a month, Hodson says that clients have already come forward and made use of the facility.

If a woman feels that she needs to access the service, she is asked to first call either the YWCA Women's Resource Centre in Minden at 286-1942, or (outside regular business hours) the YWCA's 24-hour crisis hotline at 1-800-461-7656. The number is toll-free and will not show up on any telephone bills, and the YWCA does not subscribe to call display, so all calls will remain private and confidential.

Once a potential client contacts the YWCA, an assessment is carried out to ensure that the woman is safe for the immediate time being and does not require police assistance or protection from their abuser. From there, arrangements will then be made to move the woman away from the current abusive situation, into the SafeSpace, and onto the road to a better life.



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Kathryn Boyd and Ryan Dawson rehearse for Dawson's debut play, *The Herald*.

Play heralds another creative facet of Ryan Dawson

by STEVE GALEA
Special to the Times

Some people might call Ryan Dawson a multi-talented over-achiever. Aside from working in the family business, the accomplished poet and musician has recently added playwright, producer, and actor to his list of undertakings with the December 16th debut of his first play, *The Herald*.

"I didn't really strike out to write a play," he says, "but I attended Michael Faye's playwright workshop in Minden and a play was needed, so I wrote one. After that, the idea was kicked around and people said, 'Why don't we do it?'"

Faye, an experienced and successful playwright, says that *The Herald* was the second-piece that Dawson brought to the group. "The first one was well-written and interesting but it didn't play well. This play, however, hit the ground running. We knew this was going to work."

Set in a fantasy world, *The Herald* is a play about a feudal realm on the brink of collapse. Faye says, "It's a world that seems familiar to us but it isn't."

Woven into that backdrop are the human challenges faced by two guards, a princess and her lady-in-waiting. *The Herald* is a

mysterious, cloaked figure who, though menacing, sets the characters loose upon their destinies.

Faye is impressed with the world Dawson has created, "It has a nice mythic, magical feel to it, but there are many parallels to our own. The dialogue is interesting and complex. It's a play about our times. It will make people think."

Though the theme sounds serious enough, Dawson hints that humour, romance, and the general vagaries of life all have a place within the plot.

The rookie playwright says he learned a lot about the process with this project, which started in July when he wrote the first draft of the script. He credits the playwright workshop for the support and positive criticism needed to succeed.

"In a lot of ways, the script was the easy part," he says. "The hard part was getting people in the same room and picking away at it. I found that the process of creating a play challenges you creatively in every direction."

Fortunately, for the 25-year-old, he had a good stable of actors to draw from. The two-act play stars Kathryn Boyd, Mike Johnson, Erin Lynch, Greg Luck, and Dawson. He also considers himself fortunate

to have his neighbour and fellow musician, 21-year-old Nick Russell of Gelert, on hand to play original music, written by Russell, and inspired by the play.

Of the play's development, Dawson says, "The pressure is really good. You are constantly changing and revising. It's one thing to write it and another to see it being performed. It's actually quite a fulfilling feeling."

"In a way, this play is a parable," he says. "I'm using an otherworldly place to deal with human problems. *The Herald* himself is nothing more than a catalyst who helps the proponents realize that we need to depend on each other."

What Dawson describes is a world on the cusp; one, which he admits, might parallel our own. But because the setting is a fantasy world, he says many of the challenges had to do with set and costume design.

He says he has always been a great fan of the theatre and, much to his surprise, he found that his writing and musical talents dovetailed nicely into this medium.

Though he has the regular allotment of pre-show jitters, he is also looking forward to opening night. "I can hardly wait for the curtains to rise. We've done our homework. I'm confident. It's an exciting time for me."

"The whole experience has been great and I look forward to doing this again."

Faye has every confidence in this eventuality. "Ryan has developed quickly as a playwright. I think he's on his way."

The Herald is being performed at the Northern Lights Performing Art Pavilion on Saturday, December 16th and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Call 286-3202 to reserve.

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Schell and Wessell ask judge to allow all ballots to be counted

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to maintain confidentiality. We want to ensure that all votes cast, as long as the affidavit is signed, will be counted regardless of where it is placed within the envelope."

Wessell feels that it is important to ensure that the issue of rejected ballots is addressed. "This is costing us time and money but it's worth it."

In a separate issue, Wessell, who lost by six votes to Barbara Reid in Ward 2, will have that vote recounted on December 4th.

Schell adds, "I believe that Minden Hills Clerk Cheryl McCarroll [the returning officer] did what she thought was right as directed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. I want to stress that this is not an attack on the township or her. This is just trying to do what is right for the taxpayers and myself."

Schell says she's experiencing "tremendous community support" on this issue.



A film has been made of a touching ceasefire declared by soldiers in opposite trenches on Christmas Eve 1914. Highlands Media Arts is bringing *Joyeux Noel* to the county and ask seniors and Legion members to share the stories they've heard about the First World War at a special screening on December 4.

Seniors can be part of film experience

Gallery hosts special screening of *Joyeux Noel* on December 4

Merry Christmas (Joyeux Noel), which screened to great acclaim at the 2005 Festival de Cannes, is a film based on the letters written by the soldiers of WWI who experienced a ceasefire on Christmas eve.

This moving period piece – set in the dark, gloomy trenches of World War I – is both highly engaging storytelling and a relevant message of hope in today's era of global conflict.

Due to the public response to ticket sales for *Those Other Movies*, Highlands Media Arts is having two screenings of this film on Thursday, December 14 at 1 and 7 p.m.. Season's pass holders can go to either film at the Molou Theatre. Tickets will be sold at the door, starting 45 minutes before screen time. (12:15 and 6:15):

Tickets are \$7.

In between the screenings, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., film enthusiasts and history buffs are invited to visit at the Rails End Gallery. Come and join Highlands Media Arts after the first film or before the 7 show. Special presentations will take place at 3:30 and again at 5:30. Alcoholic beverages and light appetizers will be available for purchase. The Rails End Gallery will be beautifully decorated with its Deck the Walls display and sale.

Director's notes from this movie will be handed out, and also there will be a special Highlands Media Arts video presentation of WWI memories collected from local residents.

Highlands Media Arts is looking for WWI memories – whether they are about people you knew in the war or stories about your civilian life during the war to end all wars.

There is also a special invitation to seniors and members of the Legions to see the movie on DVD:

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Why is Shirley McKnight surrounded with flowers, cake, and balloons? Because on Friday, December 1, Shirley will be retiring from Minden's CIBC after 31 years of loyal service. "I know I'm going to miss the clients and the people...but it's that time in my life," she says. She has no immediate plans for her retirement, except to spend more time with her grandchildren. Best wishes, Shirley!

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For the ninth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

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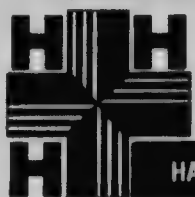
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Food bank wants to keep shelves full year-round

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

Minden food bank workers are pushing to bolster their relationship with the Ontario Association of Food Banks in an effort to increase the amount of product available for the community.

Earlier this month, three representatives from the OAFB met with the local food bank committee to bring them up to speed on any current initiatives at the provincial level. Board member Bill Obee says the meeting was, in part, an effort to meet face to face with their provincial counterparts so that the two bodies could get a better feel for one another's operations.

"We're trying to become more involved with the OAFB than we have in the past. We've had a membership for a year and a half and we've dealt with them some, but not a lot," says Obee.

"We want to have the lines of communications going, so we know who they are and they know who we are. They've been up here now and have seen our operation and what we're doing. So if there's ever an opportunity, then that way Minden might come to the front of their thought process... it would be nice if they would think of Minden before another community."

One reason a positive working relationship is so key is because of OAFB's ties to larger, corporate producers such as Kraft and General Mills. Obee says that he would like to see the Minden food bank secure a spot on the distribution

list so that they have more product available for members of the community who need to access it (in short – more food, more often).

Obee says that when it comes to a food bank, there really are no "hot items" that have a greater demand than others. "Pretty well everything [is in demand], quite honestly," he says, but also notes that there is a particular focus on "easy to prepare" meals, as well as some of the produce available.

"One thing that we're finding more and more, which is terrific, is that people are appreciating the fresh vegetables," he says. "Not all food banks deal with fresh vegetables but we are because we're finding that we have a clientele that really likes it."

The food bank is also now part of a milk program put on by the milk marketing board, which allows them access to dairy donations from Kawartha Dairy, rather than having only powdered milk for their clients.

But even with all the improvements to product and service, Obee says the reality is that there are members of the community who remain in need but may not access the food bank for reasons of pride or fear of being stigmatized.

"Absolutely, that's always a problem but we'd prefer people didn't feel that way," he says. "No one's going to judge people for coming – they come because they need to, not because they want to. There's no stigma attached from our standpoint so we'd hate to think that there are people out there who could use our service and are not coming."

With the Christmas campaign now in full swing, Obee

says things are going well for the Minden food bank, with people making donations at various locations across the village.

Those interested in contributing to the Christmas campaign can drop food or money off at the food bank's new location, near Axis Highland Pharmacy on Bobcaygeon Road. Local banks and liquor stores also have places for gifts to be donated for the Christmas Santa campaign, while both major food grocery stores in town have pre-wrapped bags of food that can be purchased, as well as donation boxes for loose items people may wish to donate. And finally, the local churches are also accepting both gifts and food donations on behalf of the food bank.

Obee says that, thus far, the food bank is on track to make this holiday season a jolly one for all, and to help ensure that no one goes hungry during this festive time of year. With that being said, he also recognizes that there is generally a spike of generosity at this time of the year, followed by an immediate donation drought in the new year.

"People are always much more generous around Christmas time, but that's partly because VISA bills start coming in January and February, and people have less disposable income," says Obee. "It might look like we have a bank account right now, but we always eat into that pretty well in the first part of the year."

The good news is, with a stronger working relationship with the OAFB, the Minden food bank will still have a backing partner to help see them through any lulls in donations, meaning food will always be available in this community for those who need it.

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Above: From left, Matthew Manning, Jake Graham and Owen Smith show their enjoyment. Below: Gay Bell portrays Jason, a child character pretending to be a dentist performing an inspection on Michael, played by Shelley King. Right: Shelley King is Melody, who is learning bus safety tips from Brenda, played by Carol Cowley.

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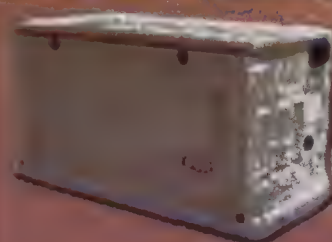
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Three Christmas wishes

Following Saturday's parade in Minden, Santa took some time out of his busy schedule to meet with kids at the fire hall. Pictured are Breanna Stephenson (top left), River Christiano (top right), and 11-month-old Austen Paterson (above).

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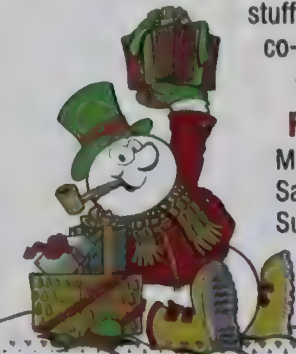
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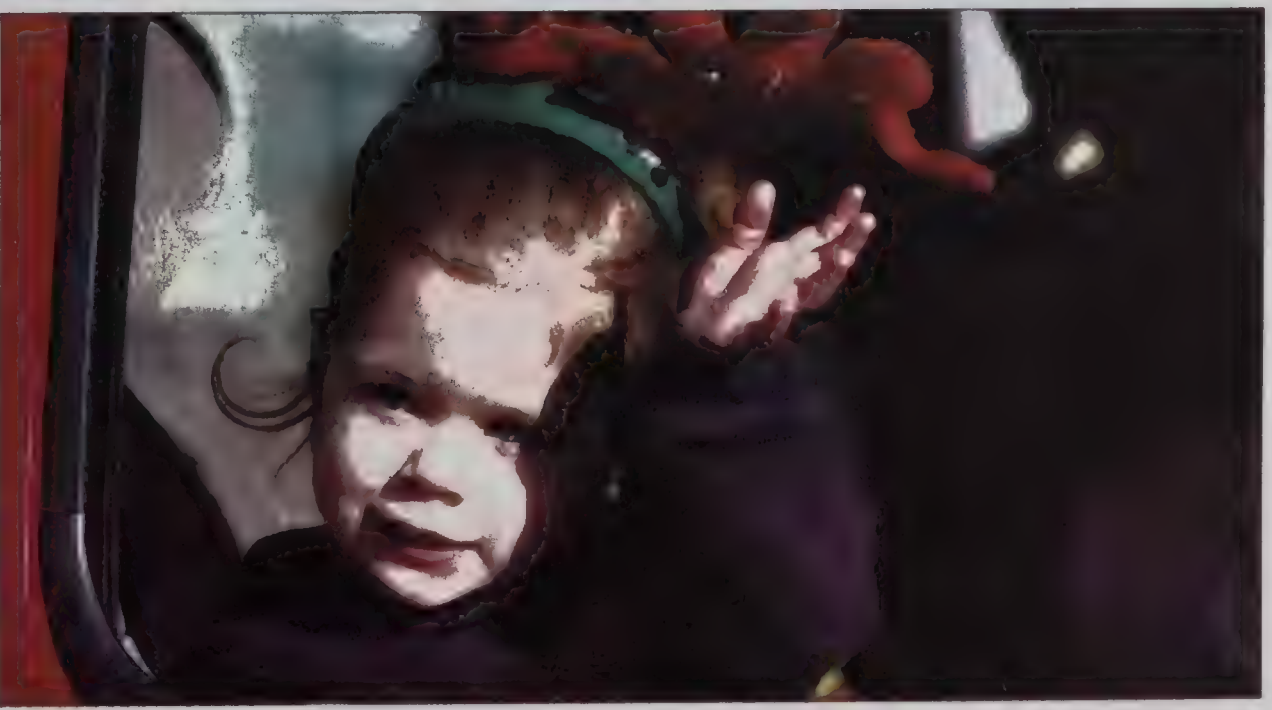
As jolly as can be, Santa Claus waves to Minden's young (and the young at heart).

Lillie Garbutt practices waving like royalty from a Minden Hills fire truck.

Junior fire fighters Mikaela and Tanisha Gordon hand out candy canes along the parade route.

One of Santa's elves tows along a mailbox, collecting letters for the big man himself.

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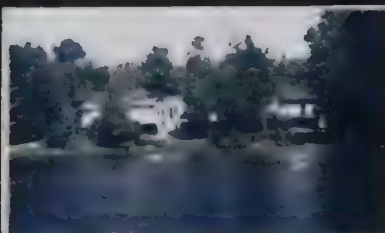




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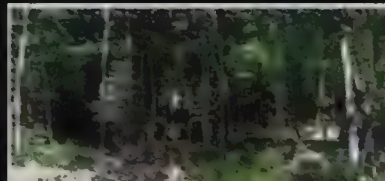
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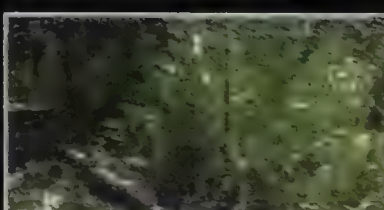
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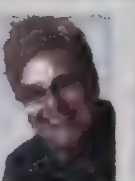
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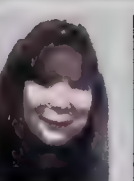
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Men

High Average: Ken Thompson, 208
 High Single: Chris Hill, 238
 High Single HC: Perry Morrison, 296
 High Triple: Claude Cote, 618
 High Triple HC: Perry Morrison, 758

Women

High Average: Lillian Mattson, 177
 High Single: Mabel Clendenning, 220
 High Single HC: Mabel Clendenning, 268
 High Triple: Mabel Clendenning, 586
 High Triple HC: Mabel Clendenning, 730

Tuesday Night League – November 21

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson, 223
 High Single: Eric Burk, 291
 High Single HC: Eric Burk, 326
 High Triple: Ken Thompson, 709
 High Triple HC: Eric Burk, 790

Women

High Average: Marlene Robinson, 187
 High Single: Miranda Versi, 268
 High Single HC: Miranda Versi, 315
 High Triple: Barb Nash, 623
 High Triple HC: Barb Nash, 732

Wednesday Afternoon League – November 22

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson, 222
 High Single: John Pugh, 237
 High Single HC: John Pugh, 279
 High Triple: Fred Phipps, 608
 High Triple HC: Fred Phipps, 694

Women

High Average: Marie Thompson, 175
 High Single: Judy Phipps, 229
 High Single HC: Tilly Grosschadl, 290
 High Triple: Marie Thompson, 574
 High Triple HC: Betty Ablett, 729

Thursday Afternoon - November 23

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson, 209
 High Single: Bruno Campagnolo, 259
 High Single HC: Bob Webb, 295
 High Triple: Ken Thompson, 688
 High Triple HC: Bruno Campagnolo, 772

Women

High Average: Josie Cheesman, 167
 High Single: Georgina Parkes, 236
 High Single HC: Bernice Gillies, 292
 High Triple: Beverley Alexander, 523
 High Triple HC: Doreen Hogg, 717



The victorious PeeWee Wolves are, from left: Front Row: Wayne Fryer and Joel Johnston. 2nd Row: Tanner Ballantyne, Lee Taylor, Ryan Walton, Fraser Turner, Matthew Brethour, and Mitch Brown. 3rd Row: Riley Jenkins, Logan Stewart, Mitch Naylor, Jordan Howe, Brad McMillan, Pat Hamiton, Alex Carnevale, Zach Boice. Back Row: Trainer Jim Brethour, Assistant Coach Terry Jenkins, Manager Diane Jenkins, Assistant Coach Ron Stewart, and Head Coach Mike Carnevale. The boy with the ball cap is one of the brothers, Josh Boice.

Wolves take Guelph tournament

by LYLE TURNER
 Special to The Times

The Minor PeeWee AAA Central Ontario Wolves, including three Highland Storm players, went undefeated to take the 35th annual Guelph Power Play tournament last weekend.

The Wolves saw balanced scoring from all forward three lines and played solid defense allowing only three goals over the five games played. Two of those were during two-man disadvantages.

The three players from Haliburton County are Tanner Ballantyne, Zach Boice and Jordan Howe.

The Wolves defeated the host Guelph Jr. Storm 4-1 in the tournament opener Friday morning. The Wolves followed that win by defeating the Brampton Battalion 1-0 in a very close game. On Saturday, the Wolves defeated the Niagara Thunder 4-0 for back-to-back shutouts for goalies Wayne Fryer and Joel Johnston.

On Sunday, in the semi-finals, played on the Olympic ice surface at the University of Guelph, the Wolves defeated the Guelph Jr. Storm 5-1. Tanner Ballantyne scored his first hat trick for the AAA Wolves.

In the finals, the Wolves played the Niagara Thunder who had themselves defeated the North Central Predators. The Wolves won the final game 3-1 with a well-played game keeping the Thunder frustrated for most of the game keeping the Thunder hemmed in their own zone while the Wolves dominated the offensive opportunities. Head Coach Mike Carnevale told the boys that he was very proud of their hard work and it had been a great weekend of hockey.

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An honest day's work builds a career and many roads

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Tom Simmons' work days are over but for those who are not yet enjoying retirement, he has three pieces of advice.

When you arrive at work always say "Good morning, how are you?" to all your co-workers.

When you sit in the manager's chair, always ask yourself, "Am I earning the money they're paying me?"

And no matter what position you hold, be a team player. "It's team work that makes success," he said last Wednesday when county council presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his dedication to its roads department.

Simmons began working when he was 14. His first job was working on a road in Irondale. Ironically, his last task with the county was working on a road in Irondale.

Warden Murray Fearrey praised Simmons' loyalty to his employers, noting that Simmons exemplified the maxim "an honest wage for an honest day's work." You could always rely on Simmons to commit himself to the job he was being praised for.

Doug Ray, the county roads operations manager, said that Simmons was a mentor to many other people in the department and will be missed by everyone.

On a more personal note, Fearrey recalled his bid for provincial politics. "I ran as a Conservative because you couldn't run as anything else in this riding," Fearrey laughed. Coming from Haliburton, Fearrey had little understanding of the inner workings of Lindsay. Simmons, who was involved with a union in Lindsay, opened many doors for Fearrey. "Tom stuck his neck out and stood by me."



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Warden Murray Fearrey presents a plaque of appreciation to Tom Simmons, who's retiring from the county roads department, while Operations Manager Doug Ray looks on.

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Above: Michelle Dulong of West Guilford plays the flute.

Above right: John Stouffer of Haliburton performs using a baritone.

Right: Jeanette Campbell of Minden strikes the bars of the xylophone.

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On Friday night, Minden's main street was ablaze with colour when the lights on the tree in the Village Green was officially turned on. The community was invited to enjoy hot chocolate to warm themselves up as they sang Christmas carols accompanied by pianist John Menzies. Minden stores joined in the festivities by offering special Christmas sales that evening.

North Pole ready for letters

Santa Claus' North Pole post office at H0H 0H0 is open for business.

Postal elves across the country are ready and waiting to help Santa handle the satchels full of mail he'll receive this holiday season.

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A chilly day outside last Sunday was in sharp contrast to the warmth and Christmas cheer that enveloped those who came out for brunch at the Red Umbrella Inn. The decorating talents of Sue Mills, the general manager, harmonized with the artistic flair of the inn's owner, Kim Tustin, creating a seasonal oasis for those looking for a great brunch, a little friendly warmth and an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

In the recreation hall, beautiful gifts from Pine Reflections Gift Shop glittered in Christmas wrap and ribbons and Santa Claus, ensconced in a large, comfortable seat, was on hand to listen to requests from tots to teens as well as to provide a lap on which people and pets perched to have their photos taken.

Known for its pet-friendly atmosphere in the rec hall, the Red Umbrella Inn was indeed a welcoming spot. Upon entering the lobby, patrons were faced with the many faces of Santa, a large, charming display on the wall facing the door. Turning to the left, we encountered a village at Christmas, snowy slopes and lights aglow in the tiny snow-bound homes. A skating rink on the pond, realistically dusted over with snow drew me into the scene so that, upon leaving and seeing the barren ground, I felt disappointed that Haliburton County doesn't have any snow on the ground yet.

Having been to Toronto and seen the Radio City Rockettes at the Hummingbird Centre, Gina Atkinson, owner of Pine Reflections was especially ready to celebrate the Christmas season. Two years ago she had hosted Santa Claus in the Pine Reflections Garden Centre in Camarvon but the lack of heat in the centre had her ready to partner with Kim at Red Umbrella last year to set up what they expect, after its second year, will become an annual tradition.

Gina's new little puppy, Bel, was at first apprehensive about being held by Santa so, ever game, Gina perched on Santa's knee for a shot with the new darling in her family's home.

Although lots of the gifts were moved back to the gift shop later in the day, many decorated baskets will be available at The Red Umbrella for the next few weeks so that Haliburton County residents and guests can have not only a fabulous brunch, but the opportunity to shop without driving out of town.

Now about that heavenly English trifle, one of the delectable desserts at Sunday brunch – light angel cake, swirls of seasonal berries, passion fruit, peaches and so much more, the whole smothered in fresh whipped cream...it's to die for. See you next week for brunch and shopping.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878.

Bring your wee ones to Dorset Christmas party

The Annual Dorset Children's Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome - parents please bring one wrapped gift for presentation to your child by Santa. This great event is hosted by the Dorset Lions Club.

The ladies at Knox United Church will be having a pie sale at the church on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m..

The Dorset Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing takes place on Sunday, December 3 starting at 4:30 p.m.. All are welcome to join the fun beside the Dorset Fire Hall. There will be hot dogs, hot chocolate, great fun and a chance to meet this year's official Tree Lighter. Catch the Christmas Spirit!

The next Bead Workshop at the Dorset Recreation Centre takes place on Wednesday, December 6 starting at 7 p.m. Join Marlene from Big Bead in Huntsville at the Rec Centre to make beaded snowflakes. You can use the snowflakes to decorate your tree, as a gift, to hang in a window or to wear as a pendant. Call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 to register. The cost is \$10 per person plus whatever materials you use (approximately \$10). Feel free to bring whatever beads you may

already have

The annual Dorset Volunteer Fire Department Food & Toy Drive for the Salvation Army will take place on Wednesday, December 6 with vehicles departing the fire hall at 6:30 p.m.. Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you are unsure that you are on the route, please call Clint MacKay at 766-2249 or Barb Townes at 766-2108. The vehicles will be identified by flashing red lights on fire trucks or flashing green lights on other vehicles. Donations can also be dropped off at various locations in Dorset.

An evening of holiday fun featuring a concert by the Muskoka Men of Song will take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, December 9 starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per family and include great music, food, fun, door prizes and Santa too! Tickets are available by calling 705-641-8787, at the Dorset Recreation Centre or at the door on the evening. Christmas in Dorset is presented by Knox United Church and St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church. All are welcome!

All are invited to attend a Creative Memories Scrap Booking Holiday Open House Workshop on Wednesday, December 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dorset

Recreation Centre. The workshop will be hosted by Ruth Lynch, a Creative Memories consultant.

If you want to see what they do, drop in for some holiday goodies and watch the action!

Supplies are available for purchase. Contact Ruth at 766-1148, by e-mail at lynchrh@sympatico.ca or visit her website: www.mycmsite/ruthalynch for more information.

What rock shaped the fortune of cultures from China to Europe to America? What rock fueled exploration and inspired revolutions? It's salt - the only rock we eat - and its story is a glittering, often surprising part of our history. Mark Kurlansky has written a fascinating, easy to read book on "The Story of Salt" that will change the way you look at this common kitchen item. The Haliburton County Public Library has this title and many others on everyday things you use that you take for granted. Educate yourself and open up your mind @ your library!

Birthday wishes for the week of November 26 to December 2 go out to Matthew Woods and Lynn Quinn. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

DORSET NEWS

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The yard sale and silent auction fundraiser for the family of Dawson Hamilton, who is recovering from cancer treatment, raised \$9440.03. The money goes directly to the family to help with living expenses.

From left, fundraiser helpers Alex Litwin, Jordan Hamilton (Dawson and Tanner's cousin), Garrett Upton, Curtis Ballantyne, Carson Barnhart, silent auction and yard sale organizer Jen Whiteway, and (lying down) Tanner Ballantyne and Tanner Hamilton.

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Breaking news sent to Vancouver from balmy Kinmount

My sister Margaret recently moved to Vancouver to get away from Toronto's wintry blast. She has never had a television or even the slightest yearning to own one. When last week's local news on CHEX reported a boil water order in that beautiful city immediate contact was made. No, she had not heard of this emergency and then promptly went off to alert her fellow apartment dwellers all reportedly grateful for a phone call from far away Kinmount, Ontario. Now 11 days later the kettle can finally have a rest. Apparently the unexpected arrival of more than 30 cm of snow had managed to solve the water problem. All in all right now old Toronto's looking pretty appealing.

Plan now to join friends and neighbours at the Kinmount Railroad Station on Thursday night December 7 at 7 p.m. as our giant community Christmas tree is lit up to celebrate Christmas Lights Across Canada. The evening will be complete with carols, hot chocolate, cookies and a visit from Santa Claus.

Santa will be back in our town again come Sunday, December 17 at 2 p.m. with his parade proceeding along Main Street and up to the Legion. Floats should marshal at Timbermart shortly after 1 p.m. and new entries would be welcomed by calling the Legion at 488-3462. Santa is very busy at this time of year and really appreciates all the help from the John McGrath Branch 441 Royal Canadian Legion, Kinmount and the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development in always making his arrival such a happy event.

This is a busy time too for the Kinmount & District Lions Club with Angel Trees and food boxes now set up in local businesses and the Post Office. Once again this year the Lions are selling delicious Christmas cakes and other goodies to raise funds for their many worthwhile community projects. To order yours give Vic a call at 488-3053 or drop by the Kinmount Pharmacy.

December means tax-free shopping at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. As of December 15 the Marketplace will change from its present Friday, Saturday and Sunday schedule and open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Christmas Eve. Located on the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre the Marketplace offers a variety of local art and crafts for that special gift.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

November 21 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Pearl Cowen reports that George Hamilton and Laura Carnegie placed first at 392 then Diane Platt and Belle Walker at 373. Helen Skelding partnered with Connie Sawyer recorded 332 for third



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spot while

Ken Boldt and Sandy Poulton had the afternoon's low of 208.

November 21 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the scoring was Gala Stamp 323 with Elli Langpohl next at 293 and Tom Grix 287 third. Single moonshots went to Helen Henderson and our reporter Jeanne Scadden with Albert Foster taking two. Elva Paisley, Tom Grix and Helen Henderson held the hidden scores.

November 21 contract bridge at Stanhope: It was Gloria Moore with the highest score of 6070 points followed by Ross Davies 4870, Edith Kolarek 4810 and Howie Ryan 4410. The lucky draw winner was June Branning, Bruce Armstrong received the Shiny Penny while Gloria Moore took home the Q.O.T.H. Award for being crowned Queen Of The Hill after her unprecedented top standing two weeks in a row.

November 21 euchre at Lochlin: A really good crowd was on hand to see Dorothy McElwain and Rita Crofts record the evening's highs with Mary Wilkins and Don Hicks taking the lows. Tom Grix held the most lone hands with Emily Harvie winning the special prize. Thanks to Barb Carpenter for this update.

November 22 bid euchre at Stanhope: The moonshot trio members were Willie Cox, Dick Coffey and Garth Windsor. Dick Coffey topped the charts for the whites at 301 with Helen Henderson 288 second and Tom Orr 232 third. With 319 our reporter Gala Stamp led the pinks then Edith Burch 248 and Willie Cox 243.

November 22 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Harold Cox partnered with our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher at 63%. Tied for second place at 61% were Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh and Judy Neimann teamed with Bill Sandford.

November 22 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: Emily and Harold Harvie had the high scores ladies/men with Marcy Morgan and Grant Lees taking the lows. Marcy then completed a "hat trick" by also winning for most lone hands and the special draw.

November 23 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Linda Hopkins and Don Hicks while Kay Naylor and Norm Mark recorded the high scores. Second high slots were filled by Helen Skelding and Tom Orr with Shirley Kuni, Norm Mark, Bob Cleverly and Gala Stamp [2] taking home the other prizes.

November 24 bid euchre at Club 35: Dick Coffey and Tom Macartney had moonshots along with Jean and Pat

Scadden while our reporter Jean Dutka held the hidden score. First for the pinks at 282 was Jean Scadden with Verna McDonald 278 second and Pearl Cowen 260 third. With 259 Linda Voycey topped the whites followed by Dick Coffey 255 and Tom Macartney 249.

November 24 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: June Branning reports that Gala Stamp won for high hands, Jesse Barlow for lone hands, Barb Callaghan for low hands and for the special prize Martha Harding. This event starts at 7 p.m. with new players always welcome to join in.

November 24 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system Howie Ryan and Norma Crewson were first at 65% with a tie for second at 57% between the duo of Freda Norman and Muriel McIntosh and Kelly Metcalf partnered with Harold Cox.

November 25 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: For this week only the group moved over to Staunworth Court where moonshots rained down on Theresa Deak, Albert Foster, Kevin Maloney, Marcel Roussel, Emily Harvie and Gala Stamp. At 274 Pauline Franzen championed the pinks with Jean Scadden 262 second and Emily Harvie 255 third. Leading the whites was Marcy Morgan 286 then Marcel Roussel 282 and Pat Scadden 269 while the draws went to Barb Robitaille, Maria Tschida and Edith Burch.

November 27 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Gala Stamp and Bill Mosley with Lorna Hicks and Betty Sharpe recording the afternoon's highs. Low scores were tallied up by Lois Adamson and Jesse Barlow with Jeanne Keliele and Lorna Hicks awarded the special prizes. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this update.

November 27 cribbage at Minden Legion: In first place was Edith Burch with Ann Cundall second and Jean Scadden third. Elva Paisley adds that Eileen Shapiera, Laura Carnegie and Ann Cundall were the winners of the draws.

November 27 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports a good turnout to see Don Jemmett win for high hands, Barb Callaghan for lone hands and Nick Boekestyn for both low hands and the special prize.

November 27 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top honours went to Marcy Morgan with Isobel Cherwenka in second place and Phyllis Windsor third. Emily Harvie had the afternoon's only moonshot and Tony Rivait won the draw.

November 27 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Barb Robitaille while Helen Windsor won the bologna. High scores were recorded by Verna Sawyer and Ivan Kernohan while Ann McIvor and Bob Harpur had the evening's lows.



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Jack Brezina always looks so dashing in a tuxedo, as he once again proved on Friday night when, as president of the Minden Hills Cultural Foundation, he acted as auctioneer at the annual Arts Exposed event at the Minden Community Centre. With the able help of his own Vanna White (comedian Brigitte Gall), above, he gave out dozens of potential Christmas presents in the various auctions and raffles. All of the items had been donated by local artisans. Fielding Wines donated the wines for the evening, which complemented the food prepared by Franka Andriano. Andriano, centre above right, was in turn complimented on her cooking by patrons Pat Harris and Bob Riches. Serving up the caramelized onions on baguettes to Paul Roy and Mike McKeon was volunteer Carol Moffatt. The evening raises funds to support the arts in the community.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on December 14, 2006 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. 05-03
Applicant – **CROSS, Andrew**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 30, Concession 1, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8457, registered September 22, 2006.
- File No. 06-06
Applicant – **BROWN, James and Karen**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8477, registered October 18, 2006.
- File No. 06-07
Applicant – **BROWN, Karen**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8477, registered October 18, 2006.
- File No. 06-08
Applicant – **WRIGHT, Trudy Debbie**
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The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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- **Nov. 30:** Wilberforce Play & Learn dates are changed for the month of November due to other bookings. Join Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 to noon. Join Bev Jackson the OEYC Literacy Specialist on Nov. 30 for a special story circle.
- **Dec. 1:** Christmas luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Main Street, Minden, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, goodies, bake sale & more. Come on out and bring a friend. Preschoolers Free.
- **Dec. 2:** Christmas Craft Sale & Lunch at Lloyd Watson Centre on Sat., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Wilberforce Heritage Guild.
- **Dec. 3:** Subway Development is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Dec. 7:** Outpost Historic House Museum – Christmas Open House. Thurs., 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.
- **Dec. 7:** Kinmount Celebrates "Lights Across Canada – Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m., Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Refreshments following the lighting of the tree. Visit with Santa, Carol Singing, hot chocolate and cookies. Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Sponsored by The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. Floats to assemble by 1:30 p.m. at Tim-Br-Mart Lumber. For more info. Call 488-2635.
- **Dec. 9:** Roast Beef Dinner, Haliburton United Church, Sat., 5:30 p.m. Children under 6 free. Tickets avail. from church office or a Mission Trip Team Member, Masters Bookstore. Silent Auction. A fund raiser for (TM).
- **Dec. 10:** Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols. St. Paul's Church, Minden at 4:00 p.m. St. Paul's Choir, organist Elaine Bell, guest soloists Janice Kiteley & Nicole Jennings. Refreshments to follow.
- **Dec. 10:** Northern Lights Vocational is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Dec. 11:** Highlands Wind Symphony – 8th Annual Christmas Concert. Mon., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. Tickets avail. at: Masters Bookstore, Haliburton; Pharmasave Drugstore, Minden. For info call 457-2862.
- **Dec. 14:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach. Our last stop of the year will be on Thurs., Dec. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be having a Christmas party that day and Santa will be visiting the children at circle time. Please let us know if you will be attending. Our first visit in the New Year will be Jan. 11, 2007. Call for more information 457-2989.
- **Dec. 14:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Dec. 14:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Dec. 16 & Jan. 6:** Snowmobile Driving Training Course – Pre register to obtain your "Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's License". You must be 12-15 years of age or an adult without a valid driver license. Held at the Cavendish Community Police Hall on Hwy. 507 north of Buckhorn. Lunch is provided at a small cost. Dates: Sat., Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m.; Sat., Jan. 6, 2007, 8:30 a.m. Please call to pre register, Elaine Dittick 457-7038.
- **Dec. 17:** Stouffer Mill Bed & Breakfast, Hwy. 35 to Halls Lake. Take Stouffer Mill Rd. to our home (1 km). 2-4 p.m. A musical open house while you view the spectacular 16' Christmas tree with over 2,000 lights. Live music from various performers all under the direction of Melissa Stephens. Refreshments. Admission by donations to: Grandmothers to Grandmothers.
- **Dec. 17:** Kinmount Santa Claus Parade – Sun., Dec. 17, 2 p.m., main street, Kinmount. Sponsored by The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 441 & The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. Floats to assemble by 1:30 p.m. at Tim-Br-Mart Lumber. For more info. call 488-2635.
- **Dec. 17:** Warren Payne (Modern Electric) is sponsoring the "Free Public Skating" on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Minden Arena.

- **Every day a new picture** of Haliburton County, and sometimes beyond. Just visit www.jackbush.my-expressions.com. every day. A great reminder of why we all love living right here.
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- **Until Dec. 1st:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Swim & Gym. 8 sessions for families with children 0-6 years at the Wigamog Inn. Join us Friday mornings by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989.
- **Until Dec. 14:** Recreational Squash – Thursday evenings. Beside Haliburton Arena 7-9 p.m. Beginners welcome anytime. Racquets available. Free Lessons. Call 457-2862.
- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** – Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
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- **Every Wednesday:** Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to provide Home Help in Gooderham & Haliburton and Home Maintenance in the Wilberforce area. They offer seniors and adults with disabilities assistance with light housekeeping, yard work, snow shoveling, etc. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info. or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



Marilyn Bagshaw, of Minden, had her name drawn from hundreds of entries and was the lucky winner of the Two-Minute Shopping Spree at Dollo's IGA in Minden. Winners have two minutes to dash through the store picking out groceries not to exceed a limit of \$500. Marilyn participated in the Shopping Spree on Saturday, November 25th and managed to get a total of \$495.55 in groceries.

In picture, from left: Jaime Dollo, Robin Hewitt, Marilyn Bagshaw



FLU SHOT CLINICS

HALIBURTON FAMILY MEDICAL CENTRE

7217 Gelert Rd. (beside Haliburton Hospital) Haliburton

The Haliburton Family Medical Centre will be holding Flu Clinics on the following dates:

Wed., Nov. 29th - Haliburton Family Medical Centre
Tues., Dec. 5th - Haliburton Family Medical Centre

Hours for Haliburton Clinics
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E-mail: carole@candlelight.ca
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Closing Date: December 8, 2006

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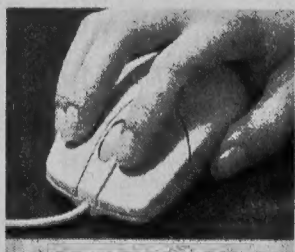
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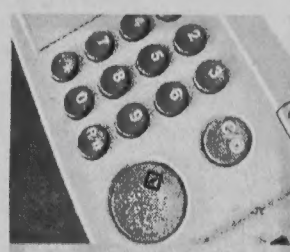
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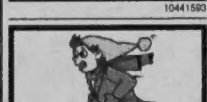
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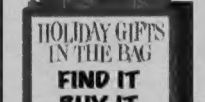
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Announcements

Anniversaries



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Congratulations to Fred and Ella Toye on their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Their family invite you to Hyland Crest Fireside Lounge, 6 McPherson St. Minden on December 3rd, 2-4 pm, to visit, reminisce, and enjoy refreshments.
(Best Wishes Only)



Thank You Cards

CARPENTER - A huge thank you to our friends and family for the tremendous support shown after Chad's accident. It meant so much to us all during the 3 weeks he was in Sunnybrook Hospital. He's now ready for the next stage of his recovery, so everyone's good. Thoughts are much appreciated. Thanks so much.
- Jeff, Leanne, Jen and Chad

GRIFFIN - We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers and support for Myson (Walt Jr.) during this difficult time. Special thanks to those caring individuals at the accident scene and at the hospital.
- Valerie, Walt, and family.

Thanks - We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all their help when Mike, Elizabeth, Marcus and Coral were in an accident on Nov. 14. Thank you to the bus drivers, to all the other drivers who stopped to help and to the lady that let all of us use her cell phone. We also want to thank the police, paramedics, firefighters, and all the staff at Haliburton Hospital for all the wonderful care and concern shown to our families. Also to everyone who called, sent cards, flowers, and brought food it was appreciated more than you know. We are truly blessed to live in a community that cares so much.
- The Lopez, Hewitt and Pratt Families.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated books for our book sale fundraiser. A special thank you to Garbutt Highlands Recycling for their very generous donation of books. Thanks for making it a such a success!
- The Minden Food Bank



Deaths

CARTER, Clara - Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, November 25, 2006. At the age of 75.

Beloved wife of Roy. Dear mother of Ruth, Jo-Anne, Lynn and Stephen. Loving grandmother of 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her brothers and sisters and their families.

Friends are invited to visit the at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) 127 Main St., Minden on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 1:00 pm. Interment at West Guilford Baptist Church Cemetery.

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WHYMAN, Alfred James - Passed away peacefully at Extencicare, Haliburton on Wednesday, November 22, 2006. In his 96th year.

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Memorial Donations to the Haliburton County Access Centre or to the Extencicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family

Memorial services

SKEAD, Leone - (Former resident of Minden) Passed away on October 13, 2006. Beloved wife of Harry Skead, mother of Juanita and Bob McIntosh, and grandmother of Jason and Angela McIntosh. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service at the **Minden Anglican Church on December 2nd at 11 a.m.** Donations to the Cancer Society and Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay will be greatly appreciated.



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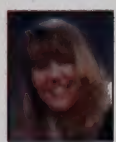
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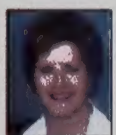
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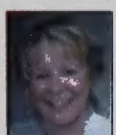
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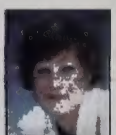
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